

## DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



## CALUMET NEWS SPORTS

## LINCOLN FOND OF BASEBALL GAMES

Writer Recalls Game Civil War President Witnessed in 1862

The recent appearance of King George of England at a baseball game, in a glass-enclosed, steam-heated private stand, reminds me of the time, in 1862, when I saw President Lincoln at a baseball game in Washington says Winfield Scott Larner of the St. Louis United States customs.

It was at Sixth and K streets. The quartermaster's Department was playing the Commissary Department. The Civil War, you know, introduced baseball to people from all parts of the United States and spread its popularity North, South and West. Previous to the war, baseball was restricted to the east.

The lot was an old circus ground. The game was progressing merrily. There were no stands. Ropes kept the crowd back.

The well known black carriage drawn by two black horses came along, and the president got out of the carriage, and, taking his little son Tad in the hand, walked over to see the game. This was before the days when cavalry escorts accompanied Mr. Lincoln wherever he went.

There was no inclosed stand, nor even a seat. Unobtrusively and unseen by the crowd, Mr. Lincoln sat down in the sawdust left by the circus, back of first base, crossed his feet and sat his little son upon them, between his knees.

He arrived when the game was young and stayed up to the finish. It was the custom then for the teams to give three cheers for each other after the game was finished. The custom was observed on this occasion.

Lincoln took his hat and joined in the cheering. Then some one saw him and called for three cheers for Old Abe. Needless to say, they were very heartily given.

The president, thanking the crowd, said, "Boys, it was a very good game and I enjoyed it very much." He took little Tad by the hand and walked back to his carriage.

I have heard that Mr. Lincoln played a good first base. I do not think he ever played baseball. It was unknown in Illinois when he was a young man, indeed, as I have said, the war spread baseball. The soldiers from New England and New York brought it to the camps and taught it to the soldiers from other states. These soldiers took it back to their homes after the war and then baseball became the national game.

"But President Lincoln did like baseball."

GILMORE APPROVES POSTING OF SCORES.

Chicago, April 21.—Despite baseball's hostile attitude toward the new league, President J. A. Gilmore of the Federals has approved the plan of the Chicago Federal owners of posting White Sox and Cubs scores at the Federal Park. He sent letters to Federal managers in other cities where Federal clubs compete with organized baseball, asking them to follow out the same program.

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## BASEBALL

## STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS.

## American League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	5	1	.833
Washington	3	3	.500
New York	2	1	.667
St. Louis	3	2	.600
Detroit	3	2	.600
Philadelphia	2	2	.500
Boston	2	4	.333
Cleveland	1	6	.090

## National League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	2	0	1.000
Philadelphia	3	0	1.000
Pittsburgh	5	1	.833
St. Louis	3	4	.429
Chicago	2	3	.333
Cincinnati	1	3	.250
Boston	0	3	.090
New York	0	3	.090

## Federal League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	4	1	.800
Buffalo	2	1	.667
Chicago	2	3	.400
Kansas City	2	3	.400
Indianapolis	2	3	.400
Baltimore	1	2	.333
Pittsburg	0	2	.090

## TODAY'S GAMES.

## American League.

St. Louis at Chicago.  
Cleveland at Detroit.  
Philadelphia at Boston.  
Washington at New York.

## National League.

Boston at Philadelphia.  
New York at Brooklyn.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.  
Chicago at St. Louis.

## Federal League.

Chicago at St. Louis.  
Indianapolis at Kansas City.  
Brooklyn at Baltimore.  
Buffalo at Pittsburgh.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

## American League.

Boston, Mass., April 21.—The world's champion Athletics broke into the winning column of the American league for the first time this season when they defeated Boston in both games of their double-header here yesterday. In the morning game, which went ten innings, Philadelphia batted Bedient and Kelly freely. In the afternoon game, Pennington allowed the locals but four scattered hits.

Second game—R. H. E.  
Philadelphia . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 6—8 12 2  
Boston . . . . . 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—2 6 2

Batteries—Houck, Wyckoff, Plank and Scheng; R. Collins, Bedient, Kelly and Cady. Two-base hits—Lewis, Boston; Scheng, Perry, E. Collins (2), Edder, Philadelphia.

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Philadelphia . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—5 8 1  
Boston . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—4 4

Batteries—Pennock and Lapp; Foster, Johnson and Thomas; Numamaker, Three-base hits—Pennock, Strunk, Philadelphia; Lewis, Boston.

New York, N. Y., April 21.—Washington-New York game postponed; rain.

Detroit, Mich., April 21.—Cleveland-Detroit game postponed; rain.

Chicago, Ill., April 21.—St. Louis-Chicago game postponed; rain.

National League.

St. Louis, Mo., April 21.—Willie Doak was invincible in the pinches yesterday afternoon, while his teammates took advantage of Chicago's errors and hit Humphries when his mount ran.

R. H. E.  
Chicago . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—9 3 5  
St. Louis . . . . . 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 8—2 7 1

Batteries—Humphries and Bresnahan; Doak and Snyder. No extra-base hits.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 21.—New York-Brooklyn game postponed; rain.

Boston, Mass., April 21.—Philadelphia-Boston game postponed; rain.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 21.—Pittsburgh-Cincinnati game postponed; rain.

Federal League.

St. Louis, Mo., April 21.—Groom was steady in all but one inning yesterday.

## FOREIGN TEAMS IN POLO MEET

## Indian Application of Curve Provides Formidable Offense

San Francisco, Cal., April 21.—If the tentative polo program for the Panama-Pacific exposition goes through there should be some of the finest exhibitions of "the galloping game" ever seen in an country. According to present plans, about 25 teams will compete, including quartets from all parts of the United States, England, France, Spain, India and Argentina.

With Indian and Argentine teams competing there will be plenty of novelty in store for American lovers of the game for it is only recently that much has been heard in this country of the prowess of the Trull brothers of Argentina, and so little has been known of the style of play indulged in by the Maharajahs that even in the internationals and the Westchester cup, few of the spectators realized how much had been borrowed from India by England.

The long, curving shot for goal—one of the most innocent strokes in appearance, and one of the deadliest upon occasion—was a distinct surprise to many American polo men, and once or twice nearly caught the American team napping.

This very pretty Indian shot is well calculated to work against the very type of defense that has come to be a distinguishing feature of the American style of play. The Meadow Brook theory, and subsequently the theory of most polo men, has been that the best offense is the best defense. For this reason the wide shots into what is known as "dead" territory have received little or no attention from the back, who did not race after them because he felt sure that they would cross the line far from the goal posts. But the Indian stroke is never dead until it is over, for these wily players have been able to impart a curve to the ball.

There is no great speed to the stroke, but it swerves sharply when past the ultimate defense and swings in between the goal posts with alarming frequency.

Any Englishman or any other player who has faced the native teams in India can bear testimony to the menace in the stroke, and should an Indian team appear on the western coast special preparation will have to be made to meet it.

Furthermore, the Indians are accustomed to dry, fast fields and hot weather, and while California is very far from being like India in the polo season, the visitors should find the going to their liking. In many ways the Indian and the Argentinian systems of play are closer to the American than to what, until very recently, was distinctly English, and American teams that face the invaders will find far less tendency toward the long formation that used to be standard on the other side than toward the "flying forward," made familiar by Meadow Brook.

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RITCHIE AS GOOD AS GANS.

Young Corbett Gives His Opinion After Seeing Fight.

San Francisco, April 21.—That Willie Eelie is one of the greatest lightweights the world has ever seen, and that he ranks with any of the old-time champions, is the opinion of Geo. Green, who will be recalled as the original "Young Corbett."

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BROOKLYN FEEDS TOP LIST.

Highest Salaried Club in Baseball, Ward Declares.

The team that will represent Brooklyn in the Federal league this season will be the highest paid team in baseball, according to Treasurer Walter Ward. So far, Bill Bradley's troupe will cost upward of \$10,000 in salaries and two star pitchers will soon be signed that will give that mark a bit jump skyward. For its talent the Brooklyn fed will pay nearly \$10,000 more than any other club in the new organization. It has been generally supposed that the Giants and Boston Red Sox as teams received topnotch salaries, but the payroll of the Brooklyn fed has made another record. If more stars can be captured the Wards say they will give their money even more exercise in order to give Brooklyn a first-class ball team.

INDIANAPOLIS . . . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—7 10 0  
KANSAS CITY . . . . . 0 0 1 1 0 6 0 0—2 7 2

Batteries—Kaiserling and Texier; Hogan, Stone and Easterly.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 21.—Buffalo-Pittsburgh game postponed; rain.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

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FATHER KNOWS A CHEAPER WAY

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## NEW CHAMPIONS IN BOXING.

Cleveland Amateurs Win in Boston Tournament.

## FEDERAL WILL START MORE SUITS IS CLAIM.

BOSTON, MASS., April 21.—Cleveland boxers won four of the eight titles at the national amateur boxing championship tournament last week. One of last year's champions, W. Barrett of New York, retained his honors by defeating a Cleveland boxer. Another of last year's winners, W. Hitchcock of Toronto, was vanquished in the semi-final round.

The champions of 1914 are:

108 pound class—Johnny Downs, Cleveland.

115 pound class—Steven Phillips, Boston.

125 pound